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SUBJECT STATUS OF ARMY BUSHMASTER PROGRAM

DA FOR DARD-DDC AND DARD-PPI.

BEGIN SUMMARY. MISSION REQUEST STATUS OF ARMY BUSHMASTER PROGRAM.
END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY RELIABLE INDUSTRY SOURCE THAT DA HAS DECIDED NOT TO SELECT ANY OF THREE ARMY BUSHMASTER CANDIDATE WEAPONS. NATO ALLIES WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PROGRAM ARE NETHERLANDS AND ITALY. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE TESTS ON OERLIKON 25MM GUN, EUROPEAN TWIN OF US PHILCO-FORD CANDIDATE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF BUSHMASTER INFORMATION, RATIONALE FOR DA DECISION, FUTURE PLANS FOR BUSHMASTER AND AUTHORITY (PLEASE CITE ANY RESTRICTIONS) TO PASS INFORMATION TO NATO ALLIES.
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2. SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT EITHER DA OR ODDR&E HAS MADE DECISION TO NO LONGER ACCEPT FOR EVALUATION ODD-CALIBER WEAPONS SUCH AS GENERAL ELECTRIC 27MM CANDIDATE. MISSION WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THIS DECISION ALSO APPLIES TO CALIBERS OF POSSIBLE

INTEREST TO USAF OR US AIRCRAFT PRODUCERS SUCH AS MAUSER 27MM
GUN UNDER EVALUATION FOR NATO MULTIROLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT (MRCA).
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